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SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION - SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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1. GSTP MIN OF HEALTH CARLOS DA GRACA, ACCOMPANIED BY LOWER RANKING OFFICIAL NAMED BARROS, GOING TO NEW YORK OCT 27 (ETA AND FLIGHT NO IN SEPTCL) TO REPRESENT GSTP IN UNGA DURING ABSENCE REGULAR REPRESENTATIVE AMORIN.

2. WHILE IN EMBASSY OCT 25 TO OBTAIN U.S. VISA, DA GRACA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD SEEN U.S. NOTE ON KOREAN QUESTION BUT AVOIDED DISCUSSING SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE. DA GRACA SAID HE WOULD STUDY ISSUES BEFORE GA WHEN HE ARRIVES THERE. DA GRACA ESTIMATES WILL BE IN NEW YORK ABOUT ONE WEEK, AND WILL LEAVE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS WITH BARROS WHEN HE RETURNS TO STP.

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SOUTH KOREANS (REFTEL) DA GRACA PRESUMABLY INSTRUCTED ACCORDING POSITION OF MAJORITY OF GSTP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN FAVOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND FOR SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER EX-PORTUGUESE COLONIES. NEVERTHELESS, DA GRACA HAS REPUTATION AS MODERATE IN GSTP (MARRIED TO PORTUGUESE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY GABONESE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN LIBREVILLE)

AND CONSIDERABLE STATURE AS PERHAPS MOST POPULAR MEMBER OF
GSTP. THEREFORE, BELIEVE HE MAY ENJOY MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN
AMORIN.STEIGMAN

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